THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) During the period 1998-99 and 1999-2000 there was shortfall in the crude oil production as against the targets. However, in 2000-01 this trend could be reversed. The details in this regard are as given below:—

| Year | Production of oil [(Million Metric Tonne (MMT)] | |
|---|---|---|
| | **Target** | **Actual** |
| 1998-99 | 34.77 | 32.70 |
| 1999-2000 | 33.05 | 31.93 |
| 2000-2001 | 31.96 | 32.43 |

(c) As against the target of 24.63 MMT, the actual production of crude oil in the first nine months (April- Sept.) of the current financial year, 2001-2002 was 24.01 MMT.

**Reinstatement of contract engineers**

130. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a High Powered Committee has reiterated the reinstatement of all the contract engineers whose services have been terminated on account of foreclosure of contract or otherwise; and

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the High Powered Committee and by when the recommendations of the High Powered Committee are likely to be implemented fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Main recommendations of the Committee o.

Subordinate Legislation about contract employees of Engineers India Limited are as follows:—

(i) 100% of the vacancies of Management Trainees instead of 50% should be filled up from contract engineers only.

(ii) Services of non-technical contract employees should be regularised.

(iii) Requirement of written test/interview for selection of such contract engineers should be dispensed with.

(iv) All contract engineers and non-technical contract employees should be reinstated, without any break in services.

The recommendations of the Committee were examined. However, the same could not be accepted for implementation.

Unless the business scenario changes and EIL is able to get sufficient business requiring recruitment of contract engineers, no bulk recruitment of contract engineers is envisaged in the company in the near future.

**Appointment of dealers by IBP Company**

†131. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 2367 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th December 2001, and state:

(a) the action taken by IBP Company Limited with regard to granting permission to the remaining 22 applicants so far;

(b) the number of letters received by the Chairman, IBP Company during the last two months written by the Members of Parliament with regard to Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that matter forwarded by the Members of Parliament was as per the policy prescribed by Government but neither approval was granted nor Members of Parliament have been replied in this regard; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.